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CLOSURE OF THERMAL POWER STATIONS OF DVC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power stations under the Damodar Valley Corporation lying closed for not conforming to norms prescribed by the Pollution Control Department;

(b) the details of monthly financial loss being suffered by the Government on account of the closure of these thermal power stations;

(c) whether prior to closure of the thermal power stations any decision for smooth running of the plant through some alternative method was taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : Bokaro `A` Thermal Power Station (3x45 MW + 1x40 MW) of Damodar Valley Corporation has been under shut down since July 2000 due to non-fulfillment of Pollution Control measures. These units were fitted with mechanical dust collector only as per the technology available at the time of their commissioning. As a result, the emission through the chimneys was much above the stipulated limits. DVC has drawn up a comprehensive action plan to revive the first three units including conducting Residual Life Assessment Studies. Further DVC had requested both the State and Central Pollution Control Boards to allow operation of at least two units pending installation of Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) and other devices. Central Pollution Control Board

(CPCB) have, however, not allowed operation of any of these units without the installation of ESPs. All these units have since long outlived their useful economic life and are not considered fit for operation by the CPCB. Hence, the question of financial loss on account of non-operation of the plant does not arise.